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RAUSCHENBUSCH, WALTER. *Christianizing the Social Order*. Pp. xii, 493, Price, \$1.50. New York: Macmillan Company, 1912.

When Dr. Rauschenbusch wrote his challenge to the churches in *Christianity and the Social Crisis*, it seemed as if he had done his work. What more was there to say? How else could the problem be treated? That volume was a trumpet call to enthusiastic Christian work.

Christianity and the Social Crisis has been surpassed. Dr. Rauschenbusch has written another book, dealing immediately with the institutions of modern society. First he shows a religious background in tradition, custom and heresay. Then he points to the religious influence as it has affected the home, the church, the state. Last of all he deals with industry, depicting in all its embittering brutality the barbarous struggle which from day to day seethes to and fro before the eyes of the searcher after truth. In every institution, says Dr. Rauschenbusch, the spirit of Christianity has been felt. In industry alone the spirit of barbarism, the struggle of the brute still holds sway. To such an extent is this true, that were industry put on an island alone and isolated from the other social institutions which now surround it, it would be an object of missionary endeavor on the part of Christendom. Yet even industry, the author points out, is feeling the effects, and will feel the effects still more of the Christianizing influence as industry for profit is replaced by industry for service.

The author underestimates the importance of the spirit of service running abroad in industry. He overstates the relative impetus which social ideals have gained in the other institutions, as compared with industry. Yet, in the main, his picture is terribly true, and his diagnosis of the difficulty is infallibly correct. From this book the economist turns with wonder. He has been wont to regard the theologian as a man who deals with things apart, a man unacquainted with modern thought, or with the doings of the modern world. A thoughtful reading of this wonderful book will open the eyes of the vast majority of economists to truths in their own field of thought, which they at present barely suspect.

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ROBERTSON, J. M. *The Evolution of States: An Introduction to English Politics*. Pp. ix, 487. Price, \$2.50. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1913.

As the preface shows, this book is "an expansion, under a new name," of the author's *Introduction to English Politics*, published in 1900. It consists of a series of sketches showing the historical evolution of the various European nations, and closes with a sketch of English history from the Revolution to the time of Queen Anne. In each case the author discusses only the domestic politics; international politics being regarded as a distinct subject, and apparently as not affecting domestic politics. He says (p. 1): "As international politics is the sum of the strifes and compromises of states, so home politics is the sum of the strifes and compromises of classes, interests, factions, sects, theorists, in all countries and in all ages."